

Appl. No. 10/833,098  
Amdt. dated  
Reply to Office Action of October 6, 2003

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 22-24 were rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Busse et al (US 5,574,615). These claims have been canceled in view of the allowable claims.

Claims 25-43 were objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim, but were indicated allowable if rewritten into independent form.

Applicant agrees with the proposal of the Examiner for creating of new set of independent claims regarding an overload protection device for an electronic apparatus having a plug-in device which has at least one plug-in element and is mountable on a housing of the electronic apparatus, wherein the protection board as part of the plug in element forms the spark gap together with the plug-in element in a specific configuration.

For improved clarity, various claims reciting elements of the suppression device have been made dependent directly or indirectly from claim 32. Claims 25, 27, 29, and 32 are rewritten in independent form.

Deposit account forms in the amount of \$86 is presented to cover the Government fee for presenting one extra independent claim in excess of three independent claim.

In the event there are further issues remaining the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone attorney to reach agreement to expedite issuance of this application.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Since the present claims set forth the present invention patentably and distinctly, and are not taught by the cited art either taken alone or in combination, this amendment is believed to place this case in condition for allowance and the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider the matter, enter this amendment, and to allow all of the claims in this case.

Respectfully submitted,  
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I hereby certify that the accompanying Amendment is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, PO Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on January 14, 2004.

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